

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, September 28, 2004.

Met at seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

God, Our Creator, we begin this morning's legislative session by opening our hearts and minds to You and Your ways in prayer. This brief meditative moment enables us to organize and clarify our thoughts and personal and legislative goals. In this election year, the participation of the American people in the election process and the willingness of many to serve in public office strengthens our confidence in each other and our Constitutional guaranties and freedoms. On his final day as Speaker of the House of Representatives, we are grateful to the Speaker for his many years of thoughtful, creative and fair leadership. In our diverse society, with a diversity of political views, we may disagree on issues, even the most sensitive, but we respect the rights of others to express their opinions in an open manner and to follow a right conscience. In these complex and even dangerous times, inspire us to work together for the benefit of the people, the common good and the future of the Commonwealth.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Flynn), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Remarks of Speaker Thomas M. Finneran of Boston.

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The Chair (Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater) then presented the gavel to the Speaker, who took the Chair; and offered extended remarks of reflection and gratitude on his final day as Speaker.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Miriam
Johnson.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Lepper of Attleboro) congratulating Miriam Johnson on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday;

Katherine
Marie
Boyle.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Nyman of Hanover) congratulating Katherine Marie Boyle on the occasion of her eighty-fifth birthday; and

Associated
German
Societies.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Larkin of Pittsfield) congratulating the Associated German Societies of New England on the occasion of its twenty-second anniversary;

Mr. DiMasi of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under sus-

pension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to dental hygienists (House, No. 4653) came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment inserting after section 1 the following two sections:

Dental
hygienists.

"SECTION 2. Paragraph (a) of section 9 of said chapter 94C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

A practitioner, as defined in section 1, may cause controlled substances to be administered under his direction by a licensed dental hygienist, for the purposes of local anesthesia only.

SECTION 3. Paragraph (c) of said section 9 of said chapter 94C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

A licensed dental hygienist who has obtained a controlled substance from a practitioner, as defined in section 1, for dispensing to an ultimate user pursuant to paragraph (a) shall return to such practitioner any unused portion of the substance which is no longer required by the patient."

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Kujawski of Webster, the amendment (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, as changed) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the Department of Social Services (see House, No. 4841) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed bills

Relative to the charter of the city of Lawrence (see House, No. 4959, amended); and

Relative to the MBTA infrastructure renovation fund (see House, No. 5059, amended);

Bills
re-enacted.

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be re-enacted, in their amended form; and they were signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater being in the Chair, on motion of Mr. Finneran of Boston,—

Next sitting,
election of
Speaker and
printing
of calendar.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at the hour of one o'clock P.M. for the purpose of electing a Speaker due to the pending resignation of Representative Thomas M. Finneran of Boston as the presiding officer of the House of Representatives; and be it further

Ordered, That no other business shall be transacted during said sitting; and be it further

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 12, the Clerk be authorized to dispense with the printing of a Calendar for said sitting.

At eighteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston (Mr. Flynn being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at one o'clock P.M.